

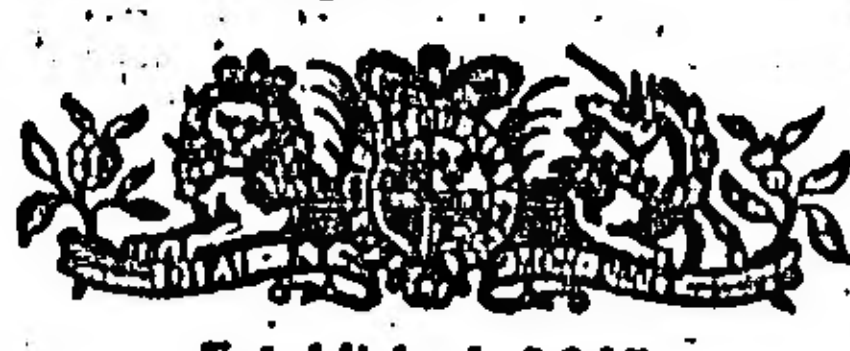
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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Pointless Proposal

MARSHAL Stalin's replies to the questions whether he thought an international war was closer today than two years ago, and if he considered a meeting of the heads of the big Powers could produce useful results were principally notable for their categorical nature. To the first question he satisfied himself with an abrupt "No," and to the second an unqualified "Yes." To a third query whether he believed Capitalism and Communism could happily co-exist Marshal Stalin gave an elaborate reply, laying down what he regards as golden rules for co-existence. These, by inference, he also conceives as being essential for the preservation of world peace, and additionally to form the basis of any personal discussions between himself, Mr. Churchill and President Truman. The principles which he enunciates to make possible co-existence of opposites break no new ground; they have been accepted for years by all the world's leading statesmen. But it is noteworthy that the Soviet leader made no attempt to commit his country to any practicable interpretation of those principles.

ORD Reading undoubtedly reflects popular opinion when he says that "we should be reluctant to turn down any opportunity of discussion with Russia." Nevertheless, it is necessary to take into consideration a variety of circumstances. Mr. Churchill was himself an ardent advocate of top level talks last year but was apparently convinced after his visit to Washington in January that little of value could result from any such discussions at that time. Nor could it be said that Russia, either by her actions or attitude, has since then given any tangible signs that a meeting of national leaders would produce a closer harmony of views and intentions than the futile Big Four conferences which have intermittently been convened during the past three or four years. It does not need a Truman-Churchill-Stalin meeting for Russia to call a halt to the cold war which she instigated, any more than is such a meeting likely to persuade Russia to behave as an honourable member of the United Nations.

Red Sea Drama: Crew's Gallantry Saves Ship

Chinese Reds Say They Would Like To Trade With Britain

Moscow, Apr. 3. China is in the midst of a tremendous industrialisation and feels a great need for capital, goods, but she also wants to maintain a proper balance of trade, Mr. Nan Han-chan, leader of the Chinese delegation to the world economic conference here and a Director of the People's Bank of China, told British businessmen in the Russian capital today.

In a two-hour discussion on trade possibilities with British representatives, the Chinese delegation further said that China's need for consumer goods was vast because of the policy of improving the nation's high standard of living.

The British businessmen included Mr. D. R. Lorimer, Director of the British Locomotive Company, which has a long tradition of trade with China.

The Chinese negotiators also included the Vice-Minister for Trade and Mr. Lu Han-chang, Manager of the China Import and Export Company.

The British representatives, led by Mr. Sidney Silverman, Labour Members of Parliament, told the Chinese that they wanted to buy Chinese oilseeds, grain, foodstuffs, bird-seed and eggs and to sell to China organic chemicals, pharmaceutical products, dyestuffs and textiles.

Mr. Lorimer said that his industry was interested in long-term contracts and when asked if the Chinese were prepared to purchase consumer goods immediately, Mr. Nan replied, "We undoubtedly."

Both delegations agreed to exchange lists of the products each would be prepared to import and export and to meet again on Saturday.

The British Delegates plan to hold similar talks with the Russians, Poles, Czechs and Japanese.

When the world economic conference opened in Moscow's Trade Union House this afternoon, the Initiating Committee's Secretary, M. Robert Chamberlain, welcomed the 500 business, trade union and co-operative delegates.

The Committee, he said, invited the delegates to consider in what ways developments of normal trade relations between countries and an increase in the volume of foreign trade could promote an extension of national production, full employment and decreases in living costs.



J. HOWARD McGRATH

McGrath Sacks "Corruption" Investigator, Then Resigns

Washington, Apr. 3. The United States Attorney-General, Mr. Howard McGrath, has resigned, President Truman told a crowded Press conference here today.

He said that Mr. McGrath had just telephoned his resignation personally.

President Truman immediately appointed Mr. James P. McGranery, a Federal Judge from Pennsylvania, and a former member of Congress, to be the new Attorney-General.

Mr. McGrath, today dismissed Mr. Newbold Morris, the Government's "corruption" investigator.

Mr. Morris was appointed to the post on February 1 last to ferret out corruption in the Government and controversy has raged around his appointment ever since.

His letter to Mr. Morris requested him to deliver all files, records and documents in his office to the FBI whose Director, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, was with Mr. McGrath when he called reporters to announce Mr. Morris' dismissal.

AIRPORT ARGUMENT
Mr. McGrath wrote to Mr. Morris notifying him of the dismissal. He refused to say whether President Truman had approved it.

It has followed a series of clashes including an apparently heated argument between the President and Mr. McGrath while they waited to welcome Queen Juliana at the airport yesterday.

There had been speculation that Mr. McGrath himself might resign because of the row about a financial questionnaire which Mr. Morris sent to Government officials.

Mr. McGrath last Monday told a Congressional Sub-Committee that he was not inclined to fill in the questionnaire which asked Government officials for details of their private income. He would not appoint Mr. Morris as investigator if he had to make the appointment again, he added.

A Judiciary Committee refused Mr. Morris' power to subpoena people for his investigation.

Officials in the tax division of the Justice Department are alleged to have failed to prosecute tax defaulters in return for bribes. The allegations are a main issue in the presidential election campaign.

Mr. Morris, a Republican, was a former President of the New York City Council.—Reuters.

Mother Appeals To Queen

Hull, Apr. 3. The mother of Corporal Tom Houghton, 23-year-old British soldier sentenced to death by court martial in the Suez Canal Zone for shooting an officer, has petitioned Queen Elizabeth. "As you love your little son, I beg of Your Majesty to intercede and save mine," she wrote from her home here today.

The sentence passed on Houghton has not yet been confirmed.—Reuters.

Explosion Kills 3

Suez, Apr. 3. Weary sailors of nine European nations today tolled to clear the decks of their battered ship, the 8,000-ton Swedish tanker, Trykon, which limped into port earlier today, a mass of twisted and smouldering steel.

An explosion in one of her tanks had almost torn the ship apart and the fire which followed had nearly sunk her. Three of the crew had been lost, one badly burned and the others had laboured for three days to bring her through the Red Sea to port.

The master of the Trykon, Swedish Captain Henri Leander, told how his ship was steaming southwards in the Red Sea on Monday afternoon when she was suddenly rocked by a violent explosion.

It killed a 19-year-old Swedish deck-boy and catapulted two seamen, one Swedish and one Dutch, into the sea. Neither had been seen since.

Fierce fires which broke out in five of the ship's tanks immediately afterwards could not be controlled because the fire-fighting equipment had been blown away.

FIRE BURNS OUT
The fires took four hours to burn out and the crew then managed to turn the ship about and make for Suez.

The Trykon was in danger of sinking all the time during the 500-mile journey.

Captain Leander would take no personal credit for bringing his damaged ship to port but praised his "United Nations" crew, made up of Swedes, Italians, Belgians, Germans, Latvians and Poles.

"I am not a hero," he said. "Certainly not one of Captain Carlsen's type. My feeling is one of great sorrow. I have lost three men I loved. I have practically lost my ship. My only consolation is that this tragedy might have been more serious."

The explosion is believed to have been caused by an accumulation of oil gases.—Reuters.

Tanker Ablaze At Anchorage

Glasgow, Apr. 3. With her plates almost red hot, a fully laden 8,000-ton auxiliary oil tanker erupted smoke and flame at her anchorage in Glasgow today while firemen and sailors fought to keep the tanks intact.

Three Indian seamen were burned, and two of them detained in hospital.

Fire fighters had to radio to the shore for breathing apparatus because of the choking smoke in the pump-room where the fire started.

Oxyacetylene burners carved a hole in the ship's bunkers to let the firemen get their hoses and foam apparatus to the seat of the fire.

A fire tug alongside played hoses to cool down the plates while two others stood by to beach the ship if necessary. All fire brigades in Glasgow, Paisley and Greenock areas of Scotland were mobilised.

Huge quantities of chemical foam were poured in till the fire was controlled.

The ship, the Wave Ruler, had arrived in the Clyde yesterday from the Persian Gulf.—Reuters.

4,000 Soldiers In Quarantine

London, Apr. 3. Four thousand soldiers at Blandford military camp, Dorset, were placed in quarantine today because of suspected smallpox from a soldier in No. 18 training battalion of the Royal Army Service Corps stationed there.

He is now a patient in sick quarters.

It is understood the suspect is a contact from Aldershot, where there has already been an outbreak.—Reuters.

Banishment Without Trial: Commons Questions

London, Apr. 3. The practice of banishment without trial in the Colonies was today discussed in Parliament.

Mr. Joseph Grimond, Labour, asked Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, Secretary of State for the Colonies, if he will abolish such banishment in those Colonies where this power still exists.

Mr. Lyttelton: "The hon. Member will be aware that consultations on this subject have been going on with the Colonial Governments concerned. I am considering their views and certain questions of policy which arise. I hope to be in a position to make a statement to the House within the next few weeks."

Mr. Grimond: "Can we take it that these consultations are now entirely complete, and that the Secretary of State is favourably disposed towards the abolition of banishment without trial?"

Mr. Lyttelton: "In principle I am in favour of getting rid of banishment without trial, but there are one or two important matters which arise in special circumstances, such as in Malaya and Hongkong, to which I am now giving attention and, I hope to make a statement soon."—Our Own Correspondent.

Pinay's Bombshell For Assembly

Paris, Apr. 3. The Prime Minister, M. Antoine Pinay, today suddenly called for a formal vote of confidence in his government on Assembly approval of a minor item in his budget programme.

The dramatic action stunned the Assembly.

M. Pinay's "defend the franc" programme had survived three virtual confidence votes yesterday and another earlier today, but the Premier apparently wanted a clear mandate from the Assembly.

"I have the impression you are playing a game to hamper my programme," he told Leftist hecklers just before he called for a formal vote of confidence.

The Assembly set the time for the confidence vote at 8.30 p.m. GMT next Tuesday.

Under the French Constitution a minimum period of 24 hours is required from the time a confidence vote is called until a vote is taken. M. Pinay called for a vote on an issue which is not expected to cause him any trouble.

The vote will come on a proposal to block 95,000,000 francs (or US\$271,415,000) in State investment credits until the money can be raised by a national loan. The 24-day-old government will fall automatically if the proposal is defeated.

M. Pinay called for a vote just when his government seemed to be succeeding where two other governments have failed since the beginning of the year. Both the previous governments were unable to get the record 1952 budget through the Chamber of Deputies.—United Press.

WINS APPROVAL

France's first Conservative Prime Minister, M. Antoine Pinay, today scored a substantial victory in the battle for his "Save The Franc" budget.

Firstly, the Assembly approved economy measures of 110,000,000 francs (£210,000,000) by 351 votes. These cuts in expenditure apply to the civil estimates for the reconstruction and industrial development programmes.

Secondly, the Assembly agreed to the freezing of another 100,000,000 francs on the reconstruction and investment credits to be decided by a vote of confidence next Tuesday. This means that this measure is almost certain to be adopted.

M. Pinay made some concessions to his critics today, but these left the essential structure of his budget unaltered.

Under pressure from the Peasant group of Deputies he agreed that there will be no cuts in the credits for agricultural promotion.

He also agreed that Parliament should have the right to veto his economy decrees during six weeks after their publication. This right had always been granted to Parliament in the past when investing the Government with economy powers and no case is on record where Parliament has reversed a Government decision taken by decree, that is, without consulting Parliament about the detailed application of economy measures.—Reuters.

BOYS SLASHED WITH RAZORS

Glasgow, Apr. 3. Detectives were today searching for three youths who slashed with razors two boys taking a short cut home through a lonely tunnel under the Forth of Clyde Canal in the Maryhill district.

The boys, Peter O'Hare, 16, and Archibald MacDonald, 17, had to have treatment for gashes to face and hands.—Reuters.

Steel Ring Closes Round Reds

Brilliant Action By French Forces

Saigon, Apr. 3. The steel ring around the trapped pocket of Communist rebels encircled by French Union forces tightened today as French headquarters announced that over 2,000 Red troops were killed or captured in the past eight days.

The French communists were issued as French Union troops reduced the pocket.

French naval units at the mouth of the Sontray River yesterday took a number of Vietnamese prisoners on nearby beaches as they were trying to escape from the French circle.

At the same time systematic searches carried out in villages in the region led to the arrest of a number of "peasants" who were suspected of being, in reality, Vietnamese soldiers.

COMMUNIST LOSSES

The communists said that Communist forces had lost 1,180 killed and 1,200 taken prisoner in the Thai Binh pocket since March 25.

In the rest of the Red River delta, the communists said, the Communists are active, especially in the western zone north of the Red River.

In the southern zone only small-scale sabotage operations against French communications have been reported.

However, in the Ninh Giang area, 40 miles southeast of Hanoi, an engagement between French and Red troops accounted for 20 killed and 16 taken prisoner among the Vietnamese forces.

French air activity has been cut down to almost zero because of bad flying conditions, the communists said.—United Press.

Fisticuffs In Parliament

Vienna, Apr. 3. Deputies punched and pummelled each other for several minutes before the President could restore order in the lower Austrian Provincial Parliament today.

The fight began when a Communist Deputy punched a Right-wing delegate on the nose, and drew blood.

The Communists shouted at the majority Party: "You Fascist clowns; you blow up dwarfs."

When the President had restored order many members bore the scars of battle.

The Deputies had been listening to the President's speech on the Austrian State treaty when the trouble began.—Reuters.

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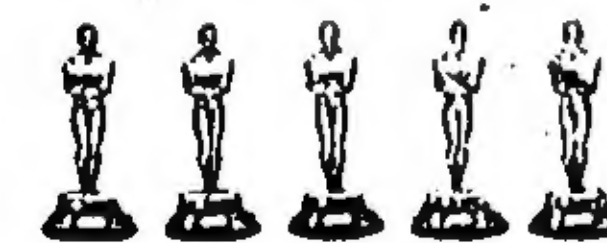
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Little three-year-old Zyndram Modelska, a Polish child from Kennington, arriving at the Royal Academy on receiving day with his mother's painting "Christ In An Olive Garden." The Exhibition of accepted works is to open on May 3. (Central Press).

RUSSIA'S GROWING AIR POWER

Britain Warned

London, Apr. 3.
The Air Minister, Lord de Lisle and Dudley, warned Britain today that Russia was developing a "powerful long range bomber force" and producing large numbers of high performance intercepter fighters.
He told the House of Lords in a debate on air defence that eyes were fixed on the great armies which Russia and her satellites maintained at readiness and added, "I am not sure that public opinion fully realises the importance of air power in the total Soviet military strength."
He said that in the last war Russia used air power as an auxiliary to her army but it was apparent that she had now appreciated the value of air power in its own right.
Lord de Lisle and Dudley said that United States air power had so far prevented a major military adventure but not continuous subversive infiltration in Asia where a Communist success could tip the balance against the West.
He said that Britain must in air power for home defence rely upon her allies. She led the world in engine design and had developed air frames and armaments to match.
But her defence would cause deep concern until her planes included a high proportion of fighters with swept-back wings capable of matching the Russian MIG-15.
He disclosed that a second four-jet Valiant bomber — the type which will form the foundation of a long range bomber force, would soon be flying.
The first prototype was lost but it had flown long enough to establish the "exceedingly high quality of this aircraft," he said.

Minister Silent On Main Point

Capetown, Apr. 3.
South Africa tonight announced the creation of nine decorations and medals but the Defence Minister, Mr. Francois Erasmus, was silent when asked if they would replace the existing British decorations, including the Victoria Cross.
Announcing their creation at the Van Riebeeck Festival Fair Stadium, Mr. Erasmus said that the "Queen" had consented to their institution.—Reuter.

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Illegal Whaling By Soviet?

Capetown, Apr. 3.
A Russian whaler may be taking part in illegal whaling after the official closed season, shipping sources said here today.
The whaling season finished on March 1 and since then all whalers have returned to home waters and reported their total catch—except the Russian factory ship Slava.—United Press.

FAMOUS COURT CASE RECALLED

Oakham, England, Apr. 3.
The ninth Earl Fitzwilliam, whose title was the prize in one of the earliest court actions, in England's history, died today after a short illness.

The 63-year-old Peer's title and a fortune of about a million pounds sterling as a result of the trial a year ago—go to his 47-year-old second cousin, Captain W. T. G. W. ("Tom") Fitzwilliam.

George J. ("Toby") Fitzwilliam, brother of Tom and the plaintiff in the lawsuit, gets nothing.

Toby brought the suit in an attempt to prove that his mother and father were married before his birth in 1888. This would have made him their legitimate son and hence heir to the title and fortune.

The court ruled that while there was ample evidence his mother and father had regularly lived together before Toby was born, they did not get married until after he came.

The father of the two brothers was George Fitzwilliam, blue-blooded member of the elite Royal Horse Guards. Their mother was an actress, Evelyn Lister. The court said the marriage was delayed because the liaison was frowned upon by Fitzwilliam's father.

The 10-day trial was estimated to have cost the litigants around \$80,000.

Curiously, unmarried Capt. Tom is the third childless holder of the title in a row. The Ninth Earl succeeded to the title four years ago when a childless cousin died in a plane crash in France. The Ninth Earl was married in 1912 but was divorced five years later without begetting any children. The Earldom dates back to 1716. High taxes have hit the estate hard since the time of the multi-millionaire seventh Earl. He was reputed to have been worth \$5,000,000 and to have had annual income from his coal mine holdings alone of \$500,000.—Associated Press.

Tunis, Apr. 3.
The Bey of Tunis today moved from his palace to his summer home at Carthage, leaving the Premier, Salah Eddine Baccouche, to continue his efforts — so far unsuccessful — to form a Cabinet.
Some observers believe that the 70-year-old Bey wanted to demonstrate his disapproval against recent events in Tunisia, where Nationalist demands for autonomy have led to clashes with the French police, the arrest of Cabinet Ministers and the dismissal of M. Mohammed Chenik's Government on French insistence.

The police were today questioning 300 Tunisians detained in a house-to-house raid last night in the Arab quarter of Sousse, Southern Tunisia, after a bomb attempt on the life of the French deputy mayor, M. Pierre Sevaux.

M. Sevaux was still on the Sousse Hospital danger list today.

The Bey's move from Hama Palace to Carthage (both places are about 30 miles from Tunis City) came a month earlier than usual. He arrived in Carthage without any of the customary ceremony such as being greeted by high Government officials and the French Resident-General.

He was reported to have received a verbal message from exiled Ministers of the Chenik Government assuring him of their loyalty and saying that they understood he was "a prisoner and acted under pressure."

French sources claimed that the Bey was under considerable pressure from members of his own family who sympathise with the Neo-Destour Nationalist movement.

They said his two eldest sons, Prince Chadley, his chief political adviser, and Prince Mohamed were both urging him to take a resolute stand against the French policy.

They were being aided by one of the Bey's daughters, Princess Zakhia, who was said to have asked her father not to approve any new Cabinet which did not include her exiled husband, Mohamed Ben Salem, Health Minister in the Chenik Government.

French quarters said it was "quite unthinkable" that Ben Salem should be in the new Cabinet.—Reuter.

Adenauer's Policy Challenged

Bonn, Apr. 3.
The Social Democratic opposition today challenged the West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, in the Federal Assembly not to sign up with the West until all opportunities of reuniting Germany had been exhausted.

Social Democrat speakers said that Dr. Adenauer risked slamming the door to future negotiations between the Western Powers and Russia over Germany if he tied West Germany to the Western defence system with too great a haste.

Dr. Adenauer replied that the supreme aim of his policy was the restoration of German unity in a free and united Europe.

The West could only negotiate with the Soviet Union from a position of strength.

Herr Ollenhauer, acting leader of the Social Democratic opposition, hinted at the possibility of the Western Allies one day negotiating with the Soviet Union behind West Germany's back. He said that some Western Powers had treaty obligations towards the Soviet Union on whose validity they laid great value in decisive moments.—Reuter.

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Diary Keeping Banned By U.S.

Washington, Apr. 3. The American Army today forbade soldiers abroad to keep diaries. This follows the publication by the Communists of excerpts from the diary kept by General Robert Grow when he was Military Attaché in Moscow. The Air Force imposed similar restrictions on members of Air Attache missions abroad and a spokesman said that the Navy was considering a similar order.—Reuter.

Flowing Saris Instead Of Swim Suits

Bombay, Apr. 3. A Hindu-boycolled beauty contest in a final session today picked "Miss India" from beauties parading in flowing saris instead of brief swim suits.

She is American-educated Indrani Rahman, 23-year-old wife of a Calcutta architect, who now qualifies as a contestant in the "Miss Universe" search by a Hollywood movie firm offering glittering prizes.

One hundred orthodox Hindus picketed Bombay's Barabai Stadium where the judging took place. They carried placards alleging the parading of "half-naked" women was "against the spirit of India." Some 200 police were on duty. Ten thousand spectators watched the show.

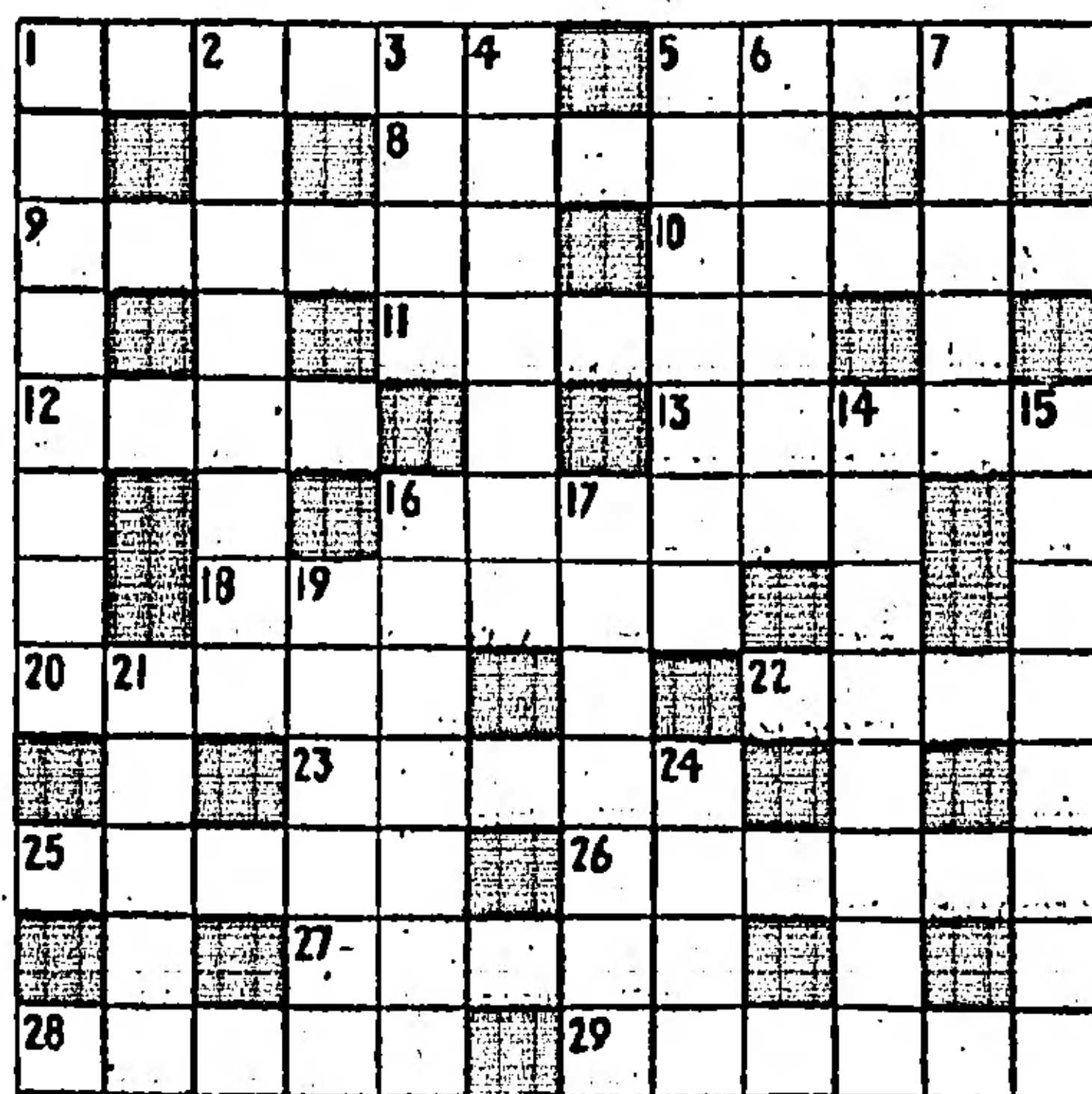
There were previous attempts to boycott the contest in semi-finals held in other Indian cities.—Associated Press.

Just A Friendly Chitchat

Cairo, Apr. 3. Sir Ralph Stevenson, tonight invited to dinner Egypt's Foreign Minister, Hassouna Pasha, and Anna Pasha, Ambassador to Britain.

A British spokesman said that the dinner was "outside the sphere of the present Anglo-Egyptian talks."—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Quality that excites pity (6).
5 Ease off (5).
8 Spirit of evil (5).
9 Below ground level (6).
10 Money bag (5).
11 Rescued (5).
12 Decays (4).
13 Birds' homes (5).
16 Demure (6).
18 Brought up (6).
20 Exhausted (6).
22 Volcanic discharge (4).
23 Flower (5).
25 Special aptitude (5).
26 Over-ate (6).
27 Narrow straps for guiding horse (5).
28 Requested (5).
29 March (6).

DOWN
1 Fancy cakes (8).
2 Medicinal solution (8).
3 Poems (4).
4 Member of a legislative body (7).
5 Mellowed (7).
6 Geta away (8).
7 Advantage (6).
14 Throttle (8).
15 Sit astride (8).
16 Fully-developed (7).
17 Scheme (7).
18 Whole (6).
21 Mingle (6).
24 Attitude (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Italy, 7 Divan, 8 Leap, 9 Tame, 10 Debates, 12 Able, 15 Gored, 18 Germ, 19 Root, 21 Leads, 22 Dips, 23 Olive, 24 Punt, 25 Averted, 30 Ante, 31 Ties, 32 Street, 33 Tory, 34 Down, 35 Snow, 36 Ravaged, 4 Aroze, 5 Flea, 6 Fall, 8 Term, 11 Tonto, 13 Blue, 14 Eds, 16 Drive, 17 Clap, 18 Gain, 20 Operate, 22 Dive, 24 Later, 25 Robb, 27 Unit, 28 Tart.

Paris, Apr. 3.

Senator Cabot Lodge, Jr., General Eisenhower's campaign manager, said here today that the "General can win without going back to campaign," the Republican presidential nomination election.

Here to see General Eisenhower, Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, said at Orly Airport, "I have always said that Ike quite conceivably could win on the first ballot of the convention. Now, I say that it is quite possible."

Senator Lodge will hold his first conference with General Eisenhower at Allied Supreme Headquarters at Rocquencourt tomorrow. Senator Lodge posed for photographers, waving his "I like Ike" campaign button and speaking fluent French as well as English for the benefit of French cameramen.

"I can't tell you," Senator Lodge said when he was asked exactly what he and General Eisenhower would discuss. He emphatically denied that he had come to Paris to ask General Eisenhower to go home. "I will not ask the General to do so. His return is not a political matter. It is all a question of when he has done over here. He could win without coming back."

Meanwhile, the latest developments in the presidential race in the United States are:

TRUMAN FORMULA

President Truman faced questioning at his news conference about the desire for a "wide open" national convention expressed by three Democratic Senators running for the presidential nomination.

Senator Estes Kefauver (Tennessee) said that he was sure that President Truman would "maintain a hands off attitude" and "remain neutral" and that his next "big test" will be against Governor Adlai Stevenson (Illinois) on the Oregon primary.

Senator Richard Russell (Georgia) spurned the suggestions made of a Stevenson-Russell ticket but he said that a "great many of my friends" are talking of a Russell-Stevenson ticket.

Senator Robert Kerr (Oklahoma) said that he was still in the running despite his defeat by Kefauver in the Nebraska primary.

TAFT BUOYED UP

Senator Robert Taft (Ohio) predicted that his effort in the Illinois primary next Tuesday "will be very successful" and said that Wisconsin voters had given Harold Stassen the "cold shoulder and showed him what they thought of him."

The former Minnesota Governor Stassen, said, "Many things

can happen between now and July" and he added that he would continue his campaign on the "platform I believe in and discuss issues as I see them for the people's benefit."

Senator Cabot Lodge, Jr., (Massachusetts), in Paris to see General Eisenhower, said that the results of the Wisconsin and Nebraska primaries would not have the "slightest influence on the General's return home."

Governor Earl Warren (California) said that he was pleased with the outcome of the Wisconsin primary and that he was looking forward to going to Oregon where he will have a "better opportunity" to campaign.

STUMPING TOUR

Senator Robert Taft set forth on a stumping tour of Illinois today heartened by his victories in Wisconsin, Nebraska and Tennessee and was determined to make it four in a row.

He was obviously pleased with the three-fold victory he scored yesterday as he arrived at Joliet, Illinois, to begin a three-day swing of Illinois before the primary next Tuesday.

"I think the primary will be very successful," he said. Senator Taft will be opposed in Illinois by former Governor Harold Stassen of Minnesota whom Taft soundly beat twice on Tuesday in Wisconsin and Nebraska.

Taft said that in his opinion the Nebraska primary was more significant because "it involved a write-in campaign which was the method chosen by the Eisenhower forces."

Most observers are inclined to agree. He picked up 15 of Nebraska's delegates to score the first write-in victory over General Eisenhower.

In Wisconsin he won 24 of the State's 30 delegates and the Tennessee Republican convention voted him 19 of their 20 delegates.—United Press.

General Election In Ceylon

Colombo, Apr. 3.

Mr Dudley Senanayake, the Prime Minister, in a statement on the general election—the Ceylon Ceylon became a Dominion in February, 1948—said today that it was barely a week since he accepted an invitation to form a Government.

"The promises of co-operation which I received from my colleagues in Parliament as well as representatives of all sections of the community gave me strength to undertake this task," he said.

"Though I have a promise of co-operation from the majority of Members of Parliament as well as the good wishes of the country, I feel it my duty to obtain a mandate from the people at the earliest opportunity."

In a proclamation gazetted this evening, the Governor General, Lord Soulbury, dissolved the Ceylon Parliament with effect from April 8 and named April 28 as the date for the nomination of candidates.

Lord Soulbury has summoned the new Parliament to meet on June 10. He has fixed the period for the general election as April 28 to May 31.—Reuter.

Trade Unionists Begin Feud

Kingston, Jamaica, Apr. 3. The People's National (Socialist Opposition) Party today announced the formation of a new trade union under its sponsorship to be called the National Workers Union.

Leading party executives will organize the union. On March 31 the party expelled Mr. Kenneth Hill, Mayor of Kingston and President of the Trades Union Congress, his brother and two other members accused of Communist activities.

The People's National Party decided then to disassociate itself completely from the Trades Union Congress, which had been affiliated with it.—Reuter.

Peron Releases Socialists



At his residence in Buenos Aires, President Peron at the head of table, with Interior Minister Dr. Borloughi on his right, presides at a meeting to discuss liberation of Socialists who were imprisoned a year ago. The meeting was the outcome of a personal call on the President by Dr. Enrique Dickmann, leader of the Socialist Party in opposition to President Peron. Other leaders of the Socialist Party said that Dr. Dickmann acted without authority of his party, but as a result of his efforts imprisoned members have now been released and have duly called on the President to acknowledge their liberation. (Express photo).

Burial At Sea "Mystery" Solved

Genoa, Apr. 2.

American Consular officials today declared themselves satisfied with the burial at sea, six hours of an Italian port, of an American citizen who died of a heart attack aboard an Egyptian ship.

The British Captain of the steamer, the Mohammed Ali of Keesa, reported last night to port authorities at Leghorn that he had committed to the sea the body of 55-year-old Frank Hanley.

The Captain, Thomas Candish, said Hanley joined the ship at Port Said after being operated on there for a duodenal ulcer. The steamer left Leghorn for Genoa after a brief halt. Later, Leghorn port officials and American officials decided to ask Genoa authorities to find out why Hanley's body was committed to the sea and not brought to land.

When the 8,000-ton cargo and passenger vessel docked today at Genoa, an investigation was carried out by the American Vice-Consul. It was later declared that the Vice-Consul was "completely satisfied" that the Captain of the ship had acted according to the Maritime Code in burying Hanley at sea.—Reuter.

Lighthouse Collapse Threatened

Lisbon, Apr. 3.

Engineers decided today to demolish the lighthouse of Gabbia which, weakened by torrential rains, threatens to collapse across the railway near the mouth of the Tagus, five miles from here.

A landslide at this spot last Monday caused a train crash in which 10 people died.—Reuter.

Snakes Escape Aboard Aircraft

Singapore, Apr. 3.

Two snakes escaped on board an Australian aircraft which arrived here from Sydney and prevented the plane from leaving today because one of them was still missing. They are not poisonous.

The snakes, each seven feet long, escaped through a hole in their crate, leaving a third sleeping. Airline officials tonight sprayed the plane with tear-gas. They said that if the snake was still aboard it would not survive the spraying. It is hoped the plane will continue its journey to London tomorrow.—Reuter.

Back After 30 Years-Off Again

London, Apr. 3.

After 30 years' overseas, the 1st Battalion of the City of London's own regular regiment—the Royal Fusiliers—came back to England today.

Two months of battle training in Norfolk and the battalion will be off again to Korea.

On June 17 they will exercise the Regiment's privilege by marching through the streets of London with colours flying, drums beating and bayonets fixed.

None of the original Fusiliers of the battalion which set out in 1922 has survived the long journey, which led back to England after 30 years in India, the Middle East, Italy and Germany.

Warley Barracks, Brentwood, will be the battalion's base until they go to Korea.—Reuter.

Atomic Cannon In The Offing

Washington, Apr. 3.

Congressional atomic experts asked General J. Lawton Collins today for full particulars on the Army's controversial atomic cannon.

The Army Chief of Staff was called to testify in secret before the Joint Senate and House Atomic Energy Sub-Committee. The group had been directed to get more information on the giant howitzer—that the Army has developed to hurl atomic artillery shells.

General Collins said publicly that the gun had been tested—though not necessarily with an atomic projectile. He stated that the howitzer will soon be ready for tactical use.

Twenty of the atomic cannons, described as a cross between a true howitzer and a low trajectory rifle, have been ordered from the Baldwin Locomotive Works.

No dimensions or photographs have been made public.

It is no secret, however, that the size of the gun is regarded by some military leaders as unwieldy.

It is known that for the time being, at any rate, officials are agreed that tactical atomic weapons can best be delivered by plane. Aircraft as small as fighter-bombers are now being equipped to handle tactical bombs.—United Press.

Flying Saucers Again Rear Their Eerie Heads

Have We Visitors From Space?

New York, Apr. 3.

The United States Air Force was reported by Life magazine today to be taking a new serious interest in "flying saucers."

"The Air Force is now ready to concede that many saucer and fireball sightings still defy explanation," Life said in an 11-page article entitled, "Have We Visitors from Space?"

It said the Air Force now maintains constant intelligence investigation of unidentified aerial objects and "military aircraft are alerted to attempt interception."

The magazine declared this represented a sharp change in a previous Air Force policy "officially" concerning the eerie sky phenomena.

Life said its own investigation indicated that solid objects have existed and may still exist in the earth's atmosphere and that they are not of American or Russian origin nor made by any man.

It said it was "plausible" that they originated beyond the earth, possibly on other planets, and that the answer to the mystery "may come in a generation—or tomorrow."

"Somewhere in the dark skies there may be those who know," said Life.

Recognized scientists have seen the objects and given credence to them, the magazine said.

It printed three photographs of strange lights flying in a "V" formation like a flock of geese near Lubbock, Texas. The pictures were taken on August 30, 1951 by Carl Hirt Jr., 28 years old.

Life said "the Air Force, after the closest examination has found nothing fraudulent about Hirt's pictures."

The magazine said that out of its exhaustive inquiry these propositions seem firmly shaped by the evidence:

"1. Disks, cylinders and similar objects of geometrical form, luminous quality and solid nature for several years have been and may be now actually present in the atmosphere of the earth."

"2. Globes of green fire also of a brightness more intense than the full moon have frequently passed through the skies."

"3. These objects cannot be explained by present science as natural phenomena—but

"4. Finally, no power plant known or projected on earth could account for the performance of these devices."—Associated Press.

SOVIET OFFICER'S DESERTION

Widely Contradictory Statements

Frankfurt, Apr. 3.

A Soviet Army major who recently fled from East Germany made widely contradictory statements here today about the loyalty and morale of the Soviet Army in East Germany.

He was a 33-year-old artillery Major whose name was given as Peter Nicolayevich Belov. He escaped to West Germany to marry his German fiancée. He was disillusioned with Soviet rule, he said.

Belov told a Press conference that the Soviet Army in East Germany was no longer loyal to the Soviet regime. But under close questioning he said that the army's morale was "not bad" and that the troops were better equipped and trained than during the war.

"The army is ready to fight at any moment," he said.

Reporters questioned Belov about remarks he made in a statement handed to reporters by American occupation officials at the start of the conference. In this Belov had said, "The Soviets have real cause for being afraid of their army in East Germany because it is obvious that a majority of the officers and men are not sympathetic to the Communist regime."

Belov failed to give a precise answer when asked what evidence there was in his unit of alleged disloyalty.

He said he assumed that other men felt disaffected because of the restrictions. For instance, the men could not go into the cities and mix with the Germans though Soviet propaganda constantly talked of friendship with them.

Answering further questions about the Soviet soldiers' loyalty, he said he thought that there would be many desertions in the event of a war with the West.—Reuter.

Huge New Adelaide Airport

Sydney, Apr. 3.

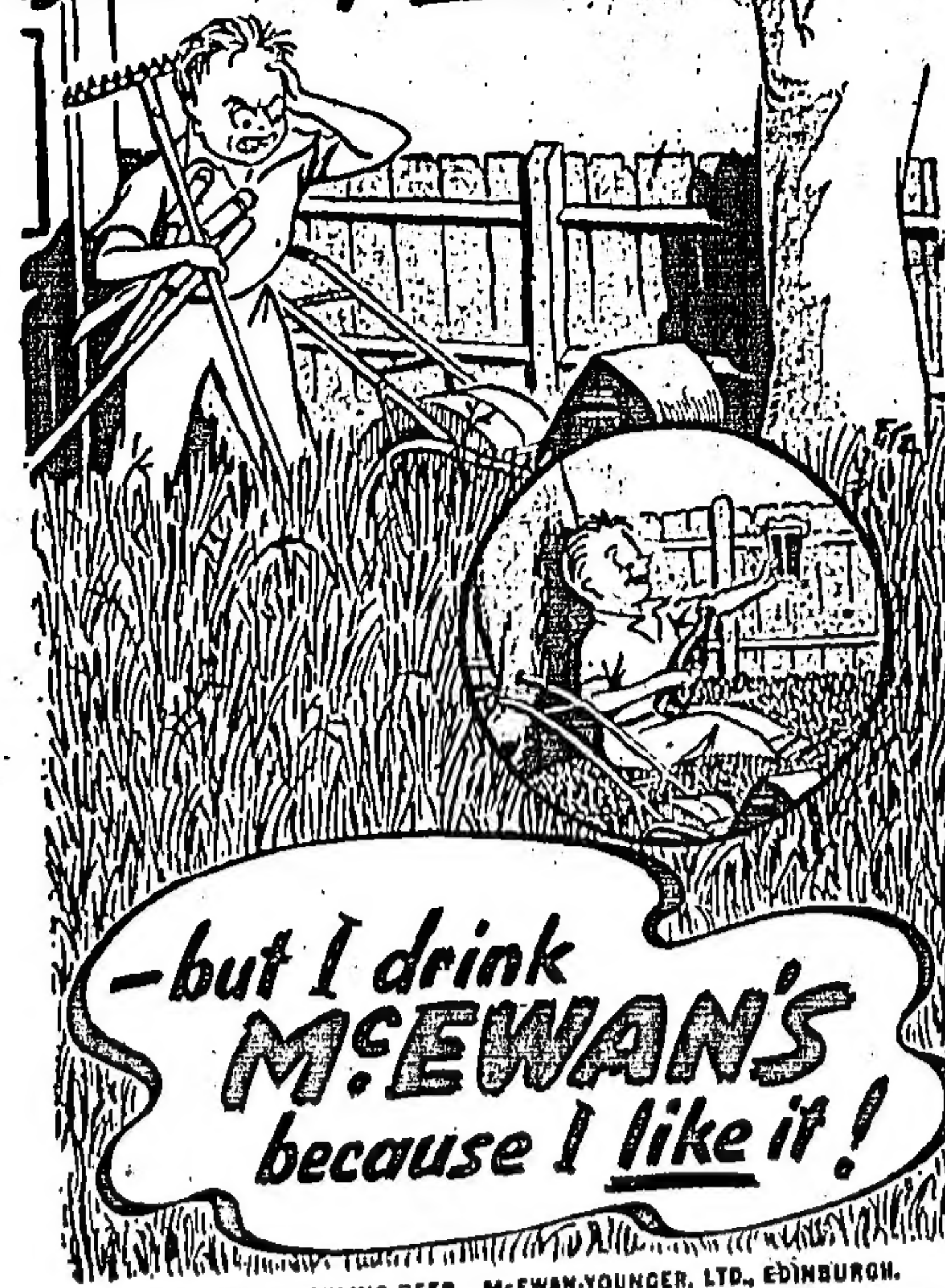
A huge airport is to be built at Salisbury, near Adelaide, at a cost of A\$2,250,000 for the greater protection of secret defence equipment, the Federal Supply Minister said today.—United Press.

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MARRIAGE VOGUE GROWS AMONG UNDERGRADUATES

By Robert Kingsley

London. ALEXANDER LYON is a 20-year-old student reading law at London University. He is in his second year at University College, and he is a typical representative of that post-war University phenomenon, the student who gets married.

In the years immediately after the war, London, like other universities, received a large number of students who had married while in the Forces and either began or resumed their studies on demobilisation. They were generally older by several years than students normally are.

The ex-Servicemen married men have mostly gone down now. Their place has been taken by men who have married during the course of their university careers.

What is life like for these "young marrieds" of the university? To find out, I talked to three students-husbands and one student-wife at University College.

Alexander Lyon was one of the three men. He and his wife Hilma both come from Leeds. They married last year and now make their home in a two-room flat (sharing a kitchen) at Crouch Hill, N. 8, that costs them £216 a year.

"We married because it looked as though if we waited until I had a healthy income we might have to wait for five or six years," said Lyon.

£180 A YEAR

LYON, like the majority of present-day students, receives a grant towards his university education. In his case it comes from the local education authority in Yorkshire, and is worth £180 a year exclusive of tuition and examination fees. His wife works in a shop, and he works during the vacations. He has worked as a dishwasher at £6 a week, as a labourer, and, last Christmas, as a railway porter when he received £12 a week.

The grants which students receive probably contribute to the vogue for marriage while at the university. In the days when parents paid for the majority of students, most fathers would have jibbed at the thought of also supporting a daughter-in-law. Some grants, though not those of county education authorities, make allowances for married students.

A chemistry student, Mark Williams, for instance receives £300 a year. It is paid under the Further Education Training Scheme awarded to men who were called up to the Services or volunteered before September 1947. Of Williams's £300, £120 is paid for his wife Patricia, £40 for their first child, aged five, and £27 for their second child, a three-year-old.

Williams is 28, and served in the Fleet Air Arm in the last war. He married in 1940, and is in his final year at the university, from which he hopes to go into a job as an industrial chemist.

"My wife's only complaint about being married to a student," he said, "are that she would like more money, and she sometimes gets fed up with my having to work in the evenings. I suppose we get to a cinema or some other kind of a show about once in two months."

He and his family are shortly having to leave a Croydon flat with a rental of 21s. for one found for them by the local council where the rent will be 30s. a week. The new flat will also be farther out from London and fares will cost Williams 5s. a day.

"I find I can usually work at home after about seven in the evening, when the children have gone to bed," he said, "but the week-ends are sometimes a bit of a trial."

He has done vacation work as a railway porter and he spent last summer working in a canning factory.

Next summer, Williams will run into a problem that worries all married students who depend on grants as their main source of income. The grants, usually paid in advance at the beginning of each term, do not cover the vacation that follows the last term. There is therefore a difficult gap between the end of term and the time when examination results are known.

LIVING AT HOME

FRANK CARMODY, who is 23, reading French and hoping to enter the civil service, was probably the most fortunately placed of the students to whom I talked. He and his wife, Audrey, whom he married last year, live with her parents at the Elephant and Castle. Audrey Carmody was studying a theology when they met, now she is a school-teacher, and their income, with her salary and his grant, comes to about £10 10s. a week.

Last, there was the student wife, 22-year-old Sheila Robertson, who lives with her ex-student husband in Belzize Park. Mrs Robertson is reading history, as her husband was until he joined the civil service last year. Her grant was dropped from £80 to £40 when she married, but her husband earns nearly £500 a year.

"We just about hold our own," she said, "but we don't see how, starting like this, we shall ever be able to put any money together to save for a proper home." At the moment they pay 32s. 6d. a week rent.

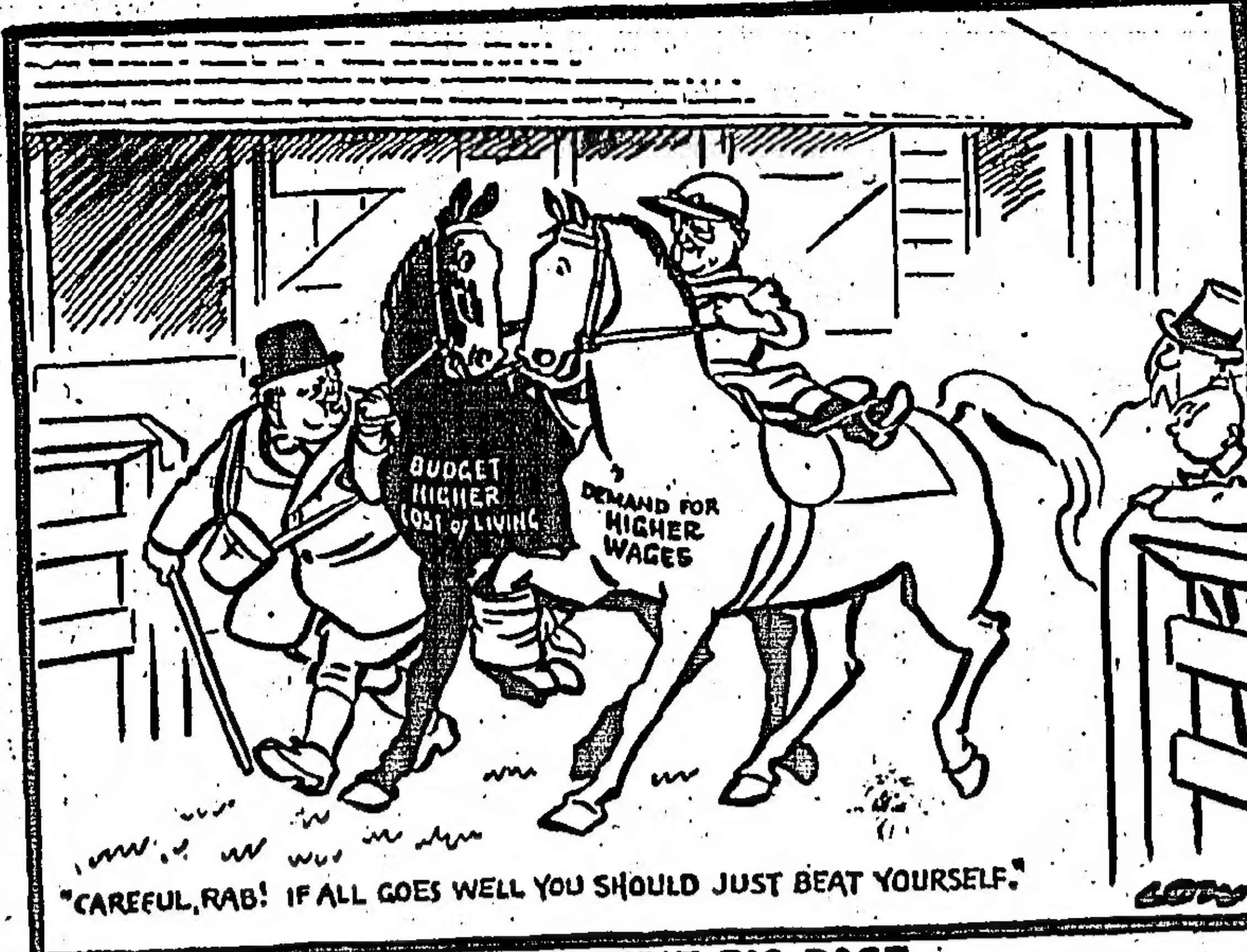
ESSAY FIRST

WHEN she has finished her studies at the university, Mrs Robertson goes home, gets on with the housework and makes a meal for her husband each evening. But of the rival claims of academic and house work she says "If I have an essay to do, that comes first." And her total verdict: "I'm much happier married."

There is no official university view upon the desirability or otherwise of marriage for students. Those who are against it point out that it usually involves vacation jobs, which may mean no studying and no proper relaxation during vacations.

But many single students are forced for economic reasons to take on non-academic work in vacations.

The married students, for their part, contend that their lives are more settled, and they waste less time than they otherwise might in taking girls out to dances, the cinema and so on. The trend seems likely to last as long as educational grants make marriage feasible.



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THE BATTLE IS ON FOR NATO FUNDS

By O. H. BRANDON

Washington. THE United States Administration is now fighting what may become the biggest battle in the 1952 session of Congress—the battle for the NATO funds.

And when the smoke of battle will have cleared—if past experience is any guidance—then Congress will have slashed at least \$445 millions off President Truman's request for \$2,800 millions in dollar foreign aid.

Officials would sigh with relief now if they could be quite sure that the cuts would not be bigger in the end.

Certainly the unexpectedly successful Lisbon conference greatly improved the atmosphere here at first.

But the French Cabinet crisis was a dash of cold water, and there is the obvious danger that those politicians who hate to see Mr Acheson, the Secretary of State, succeed, who want to undermine Gen. Eisenhower at home and who, anyway, dislike too many international commitments, will use the instability of the French Government and the general clamour for economies throughout the country here as an excuse to undermine Mr Truman's foreign policies.

Very Sensitive

Parliaments have much in common under their skins. Like others, the U.S. Congress approves of the Lisbon agreements, appreciates the progress made in the unification of Europe. But spending money is another matter.

With a presidential campaign under way, the most popular demands are for reduced governmental spending, and no higher taxes, and Congress is very sensitive to these demands.

Also in the past the Kremlin has frequently, at crucial moments, been the unconscious ally of the Administration in getting more money out of Congress by precipitating some threatening act. But Moscow has been lying low for some time.

And its last move, the proposal for an early peace treaty conference with Ger-

many, is more likely to influence Congress in the opposite direction.

The latest Russian offer, undoubtedly, was chiefly designed to forestall the military integration of Germany into the West as agreed on at Lisbon, but it may also have been timed to coincide with the opening of the foreign-aid debate.

Congress, in fact, is likely to interpret the new Russian move as an indication that war is less likely, that international tension may slacken further and that therefore a reduction of foreign aid would not be too risky.

Burden of Proof

Another handicap for the Administration is Mr Acheson's seemingly irreparable unpopularity here. Although, he has certainly helped conspicuously to advance the United States role of leadership in the world, he has been unable to advance his own role of leadership at home.

Mr Harriman, who shares with him the task of persuading Congress to pass the mutual assistance programme, has certainly been much less the target of partisan political attacks, but Mr Taft still resists a sharp political speech which the mutual aid administrator delivered against the Senator at the last election.

With the Administration thus weakened, more of the burden of proof rests on the Europeans, but to adjust progress in Europe to the Congressional calendar is difficult, especially without a French Government that would be strong enough to impose those political and fiscal reforms on the country it badly needs for its own and its Allies' good.

Apart from the actual financial appropriations, another equally fierce battle with Congress will be about the so-called "strings." It likes to attach to foreign aid Bills.

Two Factions

While some of the provisions written into the Mutual Defence Act were essential safeguards for the distribution of money, others failed to make allowance for the super-sensitive nationalism of some of America's friendly nations for this reason rejected the proffered help. Mexico was one which refused to accept American aid, while the Indonesian Government, though greatly in need of dollars, fell because it accepted the conditions written into the Bill by Congress.

There are two factions in Congress. The larger one says that whatever country is unwilling to take a stand against

Communism should be excluded from American aid.

The other, small faction, maintains that in a delicate balance between Communism and democracy of economically backward countries, the United States should demonstrate its good will by generosity without strings.

The State Department has been fighting a losing battle against these and other strings Congress has attached to aid Bills in the past, and this year the fight will be no less difficult.

Of the \$2,800 millions, about one-third is for economic aid. It is on the latter that Congress is planning to use its surgical knife.

There is a general feeling in Congress that after four years of Marshall Aid the European Allies should be able to do without it. Senator Taft is one of the foremost advocates of a complete stoppage of economic aid to Europe.

Britain's stake in the passage of the Bill is about 800 million dollars. A handsome gift. If the Bill were cut, naturally Britain's share would also suffer. But the Conservative Government's determined efforts not only to see its rearmament programme through but also to put its own house in order, no doubt will have considerable influence on the opposing forces of Britain's slice of dollar aid.

A report that Rudolf Slansky, former secretary-general of the Party arrested last November, has been moved to Moscow is not confirmed.

Slansky is slated as the other major principal of the pending trials which will rank as the biggest in the Communist world since the Moscow trials of the middle thirties.

Big Czech Purge Is Held Up

From
Sebastian Pratt

Belgrade, Mar. 26. THE big purge trials due in Prague are being held up because Vladimir Clementis, 50-year-old former Foreign Minister in the Red Czech Government and some of his associates now held in prison charged with plotting against the regime, have refused to confess.

This information comes from a highly authentic source, a former assistant and friend who was with Clementis the week-end of his arrest in February 1951 and who himself later fled from Prague.

Several times since, Prague Radio has said the trials would begin "shortly," but according to the sources still in Czechoslovakia with whom this informant—now in Yugoslavia—is able to keep underground contact:

"Clementis has made only the old admission of 'nationalist deviations' which the Czech leaders rejected as inadequate, and ever since then has defied his accusers and stubbornly refused to acknowledge his guilt on charges of espionage by the West and treachery."

Many other highly-placed Communist officials arrested about the same time as Clementis—in particular a group of former international Brigadists in Spain—are described as "denying all accusations and by their resolute behaviour upset all the preparations for the trials."

All these prisoners, including Clementis, are still being held under heavy guard in a special prison comprising a number of converted villas on the road to Prague where day and night their inquisition is proceeding under the direct supervision of a high official of the Soviet M.V.D. (Secret Police) recently brought from Moscow to break down the prisoners' unexpected resistance.

Clementis's attractive wife Lida whom the Czech Party sent to the United States in 1948 with a pledge for her husband's immunity from arrest if he avoided a political "scandal" by returning home, is still at liberty, but it has not allowed her to leave her house without a secret police escort.

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There are twelve races each day (24 in all). Through Tickets at \$48.00 each may be obtained at the Comptroller Office of the Treasurer, 1st floor, Telephone House, also tickets at \$2.00 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting on 14th April as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on 31st May, 1952.

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By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

NOTICE

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The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3.00 including tax for all persons including Ladies, and will be payable at the Gate.

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Colony Badminton Championships

RAMON YOUNG RETAINS
OPEN SINGLES TITLEUlian Khoo Regains
Ladies' Championship
By "ARGONAUT"

Ramon Young retained his Men's Singles title and Ulian Khoo regained the ladies' title which she lost last year when the finals of these two events of the Colony Open Badminton Championships were decided at St. Teresa's Hall last night.

The two other semi-final games on the programme saw C. K. Lee and Patrick Wong eliminate the Philippine pair, M. Yanga and A. Torres, after three hard-fought sets and Ulian Khoo and Winnie Cheung enter the Ladies' Doubles final with a two-set win over the sisters, Mrs Elvie Took and Stella Correa.

Once again Ramon Young's vast store of stamina stood him in good stead in the Men's Singles final, giving him a 17-10, 15-9, victory over former Colony Champion Robert Tay.

Young followed short-route tactics, adopting short services for the greater part of the game, and had the game well under control in the first set, when he led 5-0, 13-10 and 14-12.

Young, however, came back strongly at this stage and kept his opponent from scoring the set point with no less than two services. He caught up to 13-14 and 14-14 and the score went to 2-2. Again two changeovers of services followed before Young scored the set point with a good sideline smash.

The strong resistance put up by the champion for every point in the first set despite Tay's attempt to cut the rallies short, began to tell on Tay in the second set. Young went into a 5-1 lead, but Tay drew level at 5-5 and 7-7, after which

Young's greater staying power took him to a 13-7 lead against his tiring opponent. Tay drew up to 9-13, but was unable to stop Young from taking the next two points for set and match.

BETTER THAN EXPECTED

Helen Kwong gave a much better fight than expected against her faster and stronger opponent, Ulian Khoo. Helen took an initial lead of 5-0 in the first set, but Ulian played more carefully to draw level at 5-5.

Helen resisted strongly until 7-7, then Ulian streaked ahead to 11-7. Helen again stood up well to the champion up to 3-3 in the second set. From there, however, Ulian concentrated on her opponent's weak backhand and ran away with an 11-3 score.

The Men's Doubles semi-final saw an exciting three-set tussle, featured by some fast and long rallies. The Philippine pair, of A. Torres and M. Yanga gave a much more impressive display than in their previous round, and combined yesterday their excellent defence with a blistering offence.

They were rather unlucky to lose to the local pair of P. H. Wong and C. K. Lee by 14-18, 15-3 and 6-15. Torres and Yanga led 13-6 in the first set, but a brilliant recovery by Wong and Lee gave them nine points in a row to lead 15-13 after which was called. A strong finish gave them the set by 18-14.

Wong and Lee led 3-1 in the second set, but Yanga and Torres smashed their way to a 7-3, 12-3 and 13-3 lead and closed the set at 15-5. The third set was evenly contested up to 6-6 and 8-7 before Yanga and Torres cracked up to lose by 15-8.

Mrs Elvie Took and Stella Correa, though beaten by 15-7 and 15-6 in the Ladies' Doubles semi-final of Ulian Khoo and Winnie Cheung, put up a much closer fight than indicated by the score. But for a great number of errors on their part, they might have been able to fully extend the holders, whose stroke accuracy and experience gave them a decided advantage.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

8.00 p.m. Men's Doubles—
Finals: R. Young & W. F. Foo v P. Wong & C. K. Lee.
3.30 p.m. Ladies' Doubles—
Finals: Miss W. Cheung & Miss U. Khoo v Miss D. Lam & Miss H. Kwong.

8.00 p.m. Mixed Doubles—
Finals: Miss W. Cheung & R. Young v Miss H. Kwong & W. Foo.
The Championships conclude tonight when the remaining three finals will be played off. At the conclusion of these games prizes for the various competitions during the year will be distributed by Mrs F. H. Kwok, wife of the President of the Hong Kong Badminton Association.

Czech Runner To
Stay In France

Paris, Apr. 3.
Czech runner Emilie Bagail, 23, who was 14th in a cross-country race sponsored by the Communist newspaper "Humanite" on March 18, has been granted a residential permit by the French authorities and will not return to Czechoslovakia, it was reported today.

Bagail, who is good over middle distances, is reported to be anxious to join the Racing Club de France athletics section. Associated Press.

HKCC Wins
Squash Match

The Hongkong Cricket Club beat "Rest of Colony" 3-2 in a squash match at Victoria Barracks last night.

Results were—
D. J. Bonquet (HKCC) lost to Lt. Col. Fyter 9-0, 9-0, 9-0, 9-0, 9-0.
H. M. Fyter lost to Bonquet 10-0, 9-0, 9-0, 9-0, 9-0.
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HOME SOCCER
RESULTS

London, Apr. 3.
The following were the results of football matches played today:

THIRD DIVISION

(Southern)
Newport 3 1 Leyton O. 0
Colchester U. 4 Reading 1
Watford 3 B'lon & Hove 1

—Reuter.

LAST FOUR IN THE SINGLES



These four were the semi-finalists in the Men's Singles Colony Badminton Championship for the 1951-52 season. In the final played yesterday, Ramon Young (fourth from left) defeated R. Tay (second from left) to retain the title for the second year in succession. The other two semi-finalists were H. T. Heah (first from left) and Bill Funk (third from left).

Colony Athletic
Championships
Tomorrow

The Colony Athletic Championships will start at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, April 5 and 6. Competitors and officials are asked to be on the Army Ground at Sookunpoo not later than 1.30 p.m. and in the case of competitors earlier if possible in order to get their competitors' numbers. First call for the first three events will be at 1.45 p.m.

Dressing rooms and other accommodation will be clearly marked and will be available in marquees.

The general public is cordially invited to attend. There is no admission fee, but there will be a programme on sale for \$1.00 in aid of the Association's funds for running the meeting.

The following is tomorrow's programme—

2 p.m.—Men's High Jump—
Qualifying: Men's 100 Metres
Flat—First Round; Men's Shot
Put Final.

2.30 p.m.—Ladies' 100 Metres
Flat Heats.

2.40 p.m.—Ladies' High Jump—
Qualifying Round; Men's 200
Metres Flat—First Round.

3 p.m.—Men's 110 Metres
Hurdles—Qualifying Round.

3.15 p.m.—Men's Hop, Step
& Jump—Qualifying Round.

3.30 p.m.—Men's 200 Metres
Flat—Semi-finals.

3.50 p.m.—Men's Javelin
Throw—Qualifying Round.

4 p.m.—Ladies' 200 Metres
Flat Heats.

4.15 p.m.—Men's 400 Metres
Flat—First Round.

4.20 p.m.—Ladies' Long Jump—
Qualifying Round.

4.50 p.m.—Men's 400 Metres
Hurdles—Heats; Men's Long
Jump—Qualifying Round.

5 p.m.—Men's 400 Metres Re-
lay Heats.

COLONY FENCING
CHAMPIONSHIPS

Winners of the Sabre Fencing semi-finals held at the European YMCA last night, who would be going into the finals pool were: S. J. Docherty, Maj. Cowley, QMSR Day, Lt. Daniels, S. L. Templing, Lt. Strange, SSI Cady, Cpl de Courtois Marcal. Winners of the Epee Preliminary Pool were: Pool 1—Dyer, Samway, Templing. Pool 2—Docherty, Cowley. Pool 3—Wade, Day, Marcal. Pool 4—Pte Taylor, SAC Taylor, C. Ozorio.

Colony Snooker
Championship

In the final of the Colony Snooker Championship played at Club Lusitano last night, A. P. Pereira defeated S. P. Fong by five frames to three. The biggest break was 27.

The final of the Billiards championship will be decided to-night at the same place between C. C. Lum and S. P. Fong in two sessions, at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Filipino Club
Lawn Bowls

A lawn bowls competition game will be held at the Filipino Club on Saturday at 4 p.m. Members who will be playing in the League this season are requested to attend for this game.

CRICKET The Grand National Is
Notoriously Unkind
To The Favourites

The Grand National, toughest of all horse races, is once again at hand. Tomorrow fifty picked horses will engage in a test of speed, stamina and jumping ability over four and a half miles of the most gruelling course in the world.

Watched by thousands, varying from the top-hatted punter who stakes a fortune to the man risking a shilling each way, the National is rightly claimed to be the greatest steeplechase race in the world.

Tomorrow's race will be a far cry from that day in 1792 when three crack gentlemen riders raced cross-country from Barkly Holt, in Leicestershire to Billesdon Coplow—four miles distant—and back again.

That "field" though small, was historic. For the event—won by Mr. Meynell, son of the famous Quorn Master—was the first recorded steeplechase in Britain, the "curtain-raiser" to the National Hunt racing of today.

Eighteen years later, in 1810, some 40,000 sportsmen flocked to Bedford to watch another historic race—the first steeplechase run over a prepared circuit. By modern standards, the course was a "right jinks" had to be cleared, each 4ft 6ins high.

Much tougher was the affair held at Rosecommon in 1823, when a steeplechase was staged over a six-mile circuit intersected by wide ditches and six stone walls.

In 1830, the army took a step in popularising the sport, when sixteen Life Guards officers rode in a Regimental steeplechase at St. Albans, which led to similar meetings being held in many other parts of the country.

A MILESTONE

1836 was a milestone in National Hunt racing. For the first time a meeting was held at the little, remote village of Aintree near Liverpool.

Three years later the first Grand National was run there, though it was then known as the Grand Liverpool Steeplechase.

The four-mile course lay over grassy farm-land and comprised plough, scrubland and pasture. Rules forbade competitors taking easy routes along roads or bridges, or avoiding jumps by opening convenient gates.

Today, the 4½-mile course consists of two laps of the Aintree circuit, and 30 obstacles have to be cleared.

As always, Ireland is well represented, but this year's challenge from the Emerald Isle is by a horse little known in Britain.

One of these, which has gained great favour with backers, is Ice Cream. Reason for this is that, although he won the Irish National over three and a half miles, Ice Cream has been given one of the bottom weights at Aintree. For despite his Irish National success, he failed at his other six outings last season.

Besides Ice Cream, there are two others, Irish National winners, Hamstar (1948) and Donmick's Bar (1950).

REMARKABLE ENTRY

Hamstar is a remarkable entry. In nearly four years he has run in two races and was unplaced. Prior to that he accomplished the astonishing feat of winning the Kildar Hurdle

TODAY'S SPORT

Lawn Tennis

Colony Open Championship Doubles Final—Lt. Col. Fyter & Edwin Day v Paul Watson & E. J. O'Connell at the Hongkong Cricket Club, Easter Road, 4.30 p.m.

Badminton

Colony Open Championship Finals at St. Teresa's Church Hall, commencing 7 p.m.

Table Tennis

Colony Open Championship Finals at the Hongkong Cricket Club, Easter Road, 4.30 p.m.

Hockey

Colony Open Championship Finals at the Hongkong Cricket Club, Easter Road, 4.30 p.m.

Volleyball

Colony Open Championship Finals at the Hongkong Cricket Club, Easter Road, 4.30 p.m.

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G. "CALCHAS"	do	1st May	do
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U.S. Carbines For Malayan Jungle War

(OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Singapore, Apr. 3. Twelve thousand United States Army carbines—better than Bren guns or Sten guns for jungle fighting—are being sent to Malaya, said General Sir Gerald Templer, the High Commissioner.

British troops and planters have long clamoured for these weapons. Sir Winston Churchill pressed for them during his Washington visit, but America had refused so far, because of U.S. Army needs.

Carbines are short, accurate rifles, which can be switched from a single shot to automatic fire with the flick of the finger. The Bren, a fine weapon, is too cumbersome for the jungle; the Sten, a short-range weapon, is too inaccurate.

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Hongkong, 2nd April, 1952.

French and Spanish Troops Suddenly Move Into Tangier

Tangier, Apr. 3.

The arrival of French and Spanish troops today caused great excitement in Tangier and thousands of Moors crowded the streets.

The French came in a train consisting of six armoured cars. Spanish Moroccan forces comprised one squadron of mounted regulars armed with carbines and sabres, Moors commanded by Captain S. Costa.

The Moors remained hidden in the sand dunes outside the city until the French had arrived from Rabat.

A spokesman here said the forces would be under the command of the Tangier chief of police and were expected to remain in the city or as long as the International Control Committee felt was necessary.

A communiqué from the Madrid government said the Spanish troops would be charged with maintaining order on the outskirts of the town and another announcement said French troops would be on patrol duty in the city proper.

The French troop train was manned by men armed with tommyguns and revolvers. The forces mustered in Tangier railway station on the harbour front, preparing to parade through the principal streets of the city.

The official communiqué from Madrid said the troops were being used to "fulfill an accord reached by the Control Committee to restore complete tranquillity to the population of Tangier which is somewhat alarmed in view of the Muslim festivity on Friday."—United Press.

PAPER SUSPENDED

Paris, Apr. 3.

The Tangier authorities suspended for 15 days the Istiglal (Nationalist) newspaper El Alam. It was reported here today.

An official communiqué accused the "extremist Press" of bearing much responsibility for recent incidents in the interna-

Deluge Hits Orchestra

London, Apr. 3.

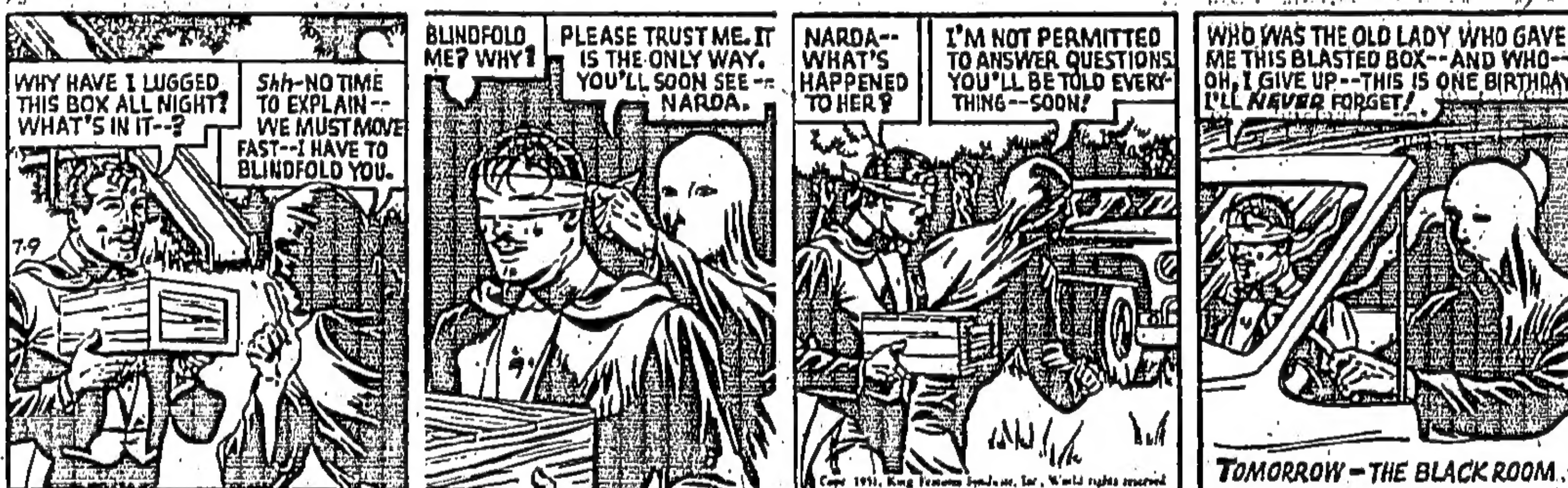
A few minutes after the start of "Fenny Flain" at St. Martin's Theatre, London, finished their first-half finale, "Feet Across the Sea," the safety curtain jarred against the fire-sprinkler system.

For two minutes water poured on to the orchestra and the front row of the stalls.

Three members of the orchestra were drenched, two pianos and two drums were damaged, and a woman sitting in the front row of the circle was so surprised that she lapped her tray of coffee into the orchestra stalls. The show went on.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



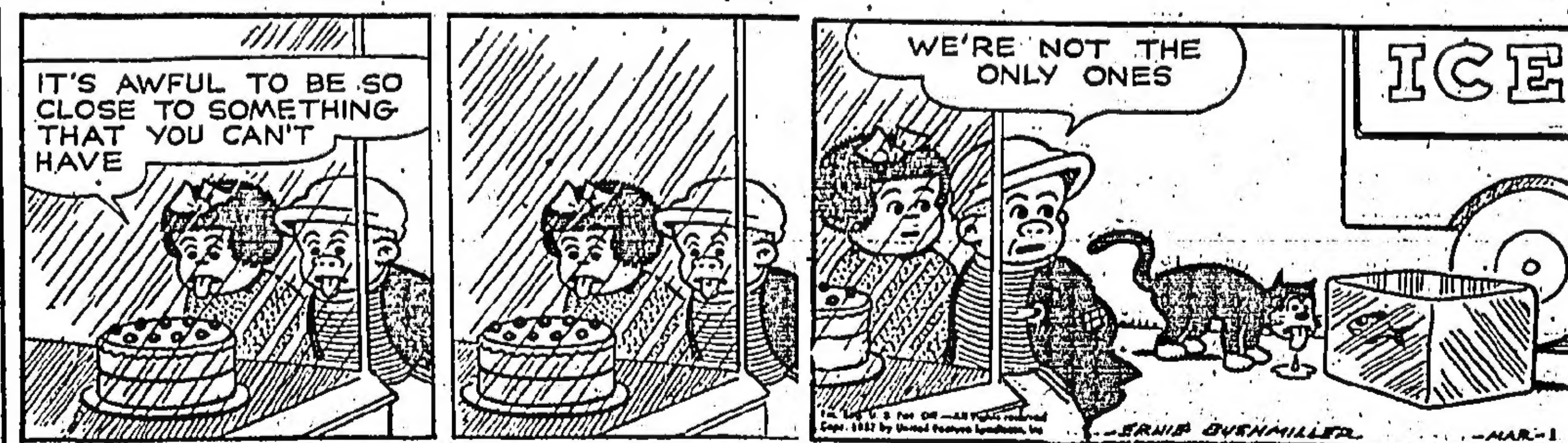
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JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins



NAVY SHIP HITS PIER - DAMAGED

London, Apr. 3.

The Royal Navy frigate the Tintagel Castle cut short a courtesy visit to Turkey after crashing into the pier there. She made full speed to Portsmouth with her bows damaged.

She left behind 14 liberty men and hundreds of disappointed people who turned up at the quay in response to an invitation to visit the ship.

After a gale warning Commander G. E. Lockhart, the ship's commander, had decided to anchor outside the harbour in Torbay as a precaution. The crash happened as the frigate was leaving.

She crashed into the wooden buttresses of Haldon Pier, where she had been moored. Nine of the buttresses, each a foot square and 30ft deep, were lopped off at the top. No one was hurt.

She dropped anchor in the bay and a naval party went back to inspect the damage. Then she weighed anchor again and made for Portland.

A member of the crew was left behind to await the liberty men, who had leave until 11 p.m. He was given 15 railway warrants and orders to bring the men by train from Torbay to Portland.

The ship is a Castle class frigate. During the war, while on Transatlantic convoy work, for which she was designed, she accounted for a German submarine. Now she helps to train anti-submarine specialists, and is manned by about 120 officers and men of the Devonport division.

Star To Retire

Capetown, Apr. 3.

Mrs. Emily Blomberg-Koen, the Dutch Olympic champion, says she is retiring from athletics at the end of the year.

She won two more gold medals.

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